IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Group Art Unit No.: 2146

Gargi Nalawade Examiner: Gerald A. Smarth

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

ADVERTISING UPDATE MESSAGES TO PEERS AND PEER GROUPS IN A BORDER

GATEWAY PROTOCOL PROCESS

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed January 7, 2009, the shortened statutory period for which runs until April 7, 2009, please reconsider the subject application in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

- Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.
- Remarks begin on page 17.
- A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and RCE fee are submitted concurrently herewith.